## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

## **NUMBER 30 OF 2017**

WHEREAS, the Centre County Board of Commissioners wishes to honor Dennis Robinson upon his retirement as Executive Director of SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) after 44 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson began his tenure with SEDA-COG in 1973 and served as its Executive Director for 39 years, and under his leadership, the organization partnered with federal, state, and local agencies to create or support 93,000 jobs, weatherize 37,000 homes, construct more than 240 apartments for senior housing, and complete over 1,000 public infrastructure and community facility projects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was honored with the John D. Whisman Vision Award by the Development District Association of Appalachia and a Top 100 People award by *Pennsylvania Business Central*, and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he demonstrated knowledge, ability, and integrity in carrying out his many responsibilities, thus earning the respect and gratitude of all those who received the benefit of his devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, over the past 44 years, Mr. Robinson has consistently advocated for and advanced economic and community development in the SEDA-COG region, resulting in improved quality of life.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Centre County Board of Commissioners congratulates Dennis Robinson upon his hard-earned retirement, and heartily recognizes and thanks him for his deep-held compassion for people, his consistent integrity, and his outpouring of spirit and work for the region for these many years. The Board wishes him a happy and fulfilling future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this citation be presented to Dennis Robinson at the September 27, 2017 SEDA-COG Board of Directors' meeting.

**ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

Michael Pipe, Chair

Mark Higgins, Vice-chair

Steven G. Dershem

ATTEST:

Margaget N. Gray Administrator/Chief Clerk